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Livonia Boy Scout collects and donates 1,200 books for jail inmate library

◆ *Sheriff Evans thanks 14-year-old Eagle Scout candidate for his efforts*

Inmates at the Wayne County Jail now have access to a greater variety of reading materials to better themselves, or simply help pass the time, compliments of a 14-year-old Boy Scout, Sheriff Warren C. Evans said today.

Livonia resident and Eagle Scout candidate (Troop 782) James Hassinger recently delivered boxes containing more than 1,200 books he collected over the summer as part of his Eagle Scout project. Hassinger's father is an attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who handles auto theft cases.



"It is remarkable – and very encouraging – that this young man would conceive of and initiate a project like this," Evans said. "While most kids his age may be thinking about sports, video games or some other pastime, James was thinking about the wellbeing of others, in particular, a group of people that many other might cast aside because of the poor choices they have made."

Hassinger was joined by fellow troop members Jeff Dombrowski, 15, and Phil Worley, 14, both also of Livonia. The books Hassinger collected range from motivational to biographies of notable Americans to wide variety of fictional titles (all of which were screen for content by jail staff).

"Reading is a good thing for everyone and it helps people," Hassinger said. "It's educational, a good pastime and a good hobby."